

Water is Life – Experts Panel Explores the Future of Water in South Florida

Lecture to be held at Coral Gables Museum March 13, 6:30 p.m.

What will it take to restore the Everglades? How do the dynamics of the ocean affect climate? What is being done to protect the quality of our water?

These are some of the key issues that will be addressed by three prominent water experts during a lecture **Thursday, March 13** to complement the month-long **Water Is Life** Exhibition at the **Coral Gables Museum**.

The free lecture, which will be held at **6:30 p.m.** in the museum's **Community Room**, will explore the impact of water on the economy, on the ecosystem and in our everyday lives. The lecture is organized by the City of Coral Gables.

The lecture and exhibition coincide with the United Nation's International Water Day on March 22. The speakers will each provide a unique perspective on a colorless, odorless substance that makes up 70 percent of our bodies and covers 70 percent of Earth.

The following speakers will make presentations and answer questions from the audience:

- **Douglas Yoder**, Deputy Director of Miami-Dade's Water and Sewer Department, one of the 10 largest utilities in the U.S., is a leading expert on water resource management and water quality protection. Yoder has served on the National Drinking Water Advisory Council, the Climate Ready Utilities Working Group and is past chair of the association of Florida Local Environmental Resource Agencies.
- **Dr. Silvia L. Garzoli**, a seagoing oceanographer, has measured and studied how the ocean's circulation affects climate. For a large part of her career, Dr. Garzoli conducted and directed national and international research programs in several regions of the world Ocean. She is currently a scientist with the Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies (CIMAS), a research institute of the University of Miami.
- **Dawn Shirreffs**, Senior Everglades Policy Advisor, has focused on researching, developing and implementing policies to protect and restore the Everglades. Shirreffs has led an alliance of 57 conservation organizations on Everglades issues and was a driving force behind Everglades Day legislation adopted by the Florida legislature in 2012.

The lecture offer a unique chance to hear what leading experts have to say about the challenges and opportunities posed by a precious resource we often take for granted.

The exhibition showcases works from Coral Gables art galleries and Fine Arts students at the University of Miami inspired by water. Along with the lecture, the exhibition offers an eye-opening experience that could change our perception of the substance that supports life.

The Water is Life exhibition – which is curated by Rosa Lowinger, one of South Florida's most respected conservators of art, sculpture and architecture – opens **March 6 and runs** through **March 30** at the **Coral Gables Museum, 285 Aragon Avenue**. The opening reception will be held **Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m.** For more information, visit **coralgables.com/water** or call 306-603-8067.